



Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Landowner Incentive Program Applicant Evaluation Form

Landowners Name: _____

GIA Desktop Evaluation Score: _____

Section A: Site Specific Criteria

		Points	Earned Points
Target Area			
Select one	Site Lies in LIP Target Area	0 or 10	
	Site within 2 miles of LIP Target Area	0 or 5	
(if applicable)	Site contains one or more of the 10 target habitats	0 or 10	
Species-at-risk			
Points awarded for element occurrences (based on EO ranking matrix)			
		Total Points	
		GIA score/5	
		Total Points for Section A	

Section B: Need

		Point Value	Earned Points
Needs and Threats			
Select One	Imminent threats to habitat, that can be abated by LIP practice Threat:	5	
	No threats –OR- threat cannot be abated by LIP Practice	0	
Ecologist Review: Please assign a numerical score (out of 20 points) that reflects the overall value of the project to the conservation of the natural communities or species represented on the property. Your score will be combined with those of 2 other ecologists to provide an independent evaluation of the project's suitability for LIP funding.		Max 20 pts.	
		Total Points for Section B	

Total Overall Points _____

(Reviewer questions on reverse)

Reviewer Questions

1. Are you familiar with this property? If so, to what extent (e.g., have you visited the site, visited similar sites, have a familiarity with the watershed, etc.)?

2. In your opinion, would the proposed LIP project contribute substantially to conservation of the natural communities/species on the site? Why or why not?

3. Can you provide any suggestions to improve the proposed project (e.g., other restoration activities, potential project partners, etc.)?

4. Any other comments/suggestions?

Thank you very much for your help in reviewing this application. Please return this document with your answers and score, either as email attachment lpvu@dnr.state.md.us , or by postal mail in the preaddressed envelope to Linh D. Phu, Wildlife and Heritage Service, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 580 Taylor Ave., E-1, Annapolis, MD 21401.

The following matrix will be used in the scoring process to assign points for all element occurrence records for LIP projects. It is adapted from the matrix used in scoring and ranking the “Ecologically Significant Areas” GIS layer. Points will only be awarded for records with a seconds and minutes precision. Element occurrence records with a general precision will not be used in the scoring process and are provided as additional information.

EO Ranking Matrix		Global Rank				
State Rank		G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
	S1	10	8	6	4	2
	S2	---	7	5	3	1
	S3	---	---	4	2	1

1. **Precision:** Only EO records with a minutes or seconds precision will be used for scoring. General records will be included in the table for reference only.
2. **Historical vs. current data:** Only records from 1970-present will be use for scoring.
3. **MBSS Fish Data:** MBSS data for GCN species will be included in the scoring process if the species in present in the same 8-digit waters